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"EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE" OF THE REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

Our church is faced with the greatest challenge in its history. The general interest in things spiritual, plus an increase of "man-power," and the sense of the shortness of time, combine to urge the people of God to an all-out effort for the salvation of souls.

We are living in a day of revivals. The Holy Spirit is moving in a marvelous way in many lands. Our own country is enjoying a gracious sense of God's presence. Interest in genuine, life-changing salvation, is widespread. Attendance at church services, revival campaigns, etc., is running high. It is a time of opportunity for the church, a time of opportunity for our church. The "tide in the affairs of men" which flows to the advantage of those interested in the salvation of their fellowmen, is running strong, and they that are wise will claim the opportunities of the hour. How long this condition will prevail we cannot tell. We only know that the Spirit is moving NOW and that if we are to accept the privileges and advantages of the time we must act quickly and unitedly.

As a denomination we enjoy the happy state of having more workers than churches. Most denominations are without sufficient men to care for churches already established. With practically every church in our communion receiving pastoral care at the present, we have the prospect of some five or six men, at least, available for pastoral work next year who are not serving in that capacity this year. Now rather than such a situation forcing some men to secular work or part-time service in the Kingdom, it should move us to greater effort in order that the need in communities without holiness churches might be met. It is impossible to do extension work thoroughly without the needed man-power to consolidate the gains made in special campaigns. But at the present time we have men well qualified to conduct tent meetings, revival campaigns, etc., and also those who will stand by the work established through these special efforts.

There is a widespread belief among the people of God that the "times of the Gentiles" is running out very rapidly, that the church is in the midnight hour of its service. Around the world the cry is heard: "Work while it is day . . . the night cometh!" and those who love souls are urged to earnest labour in the Master's vineyard in order that many souls may be harvested before the time of reaping is over. As a church we share this sense of urgency. World events indicate that we are moving toward some epochal events, political systems are being leavened with the malice of an anti-Christian spirit, and the stage is all but set for the final conflict between the forces

of evil and the power of Him Who will cometh with ten thousand of His saints. We have but little time for spiritual service, therefore, we must buy up every opportunity, marshal all our resources, and co-operate in every way possible to reach lost souls.

To meet the challenge we face, our pastors and people, our ministers, missionaries and laymen, will be asked to unite in an "Evangelistic Crusade" with three or four Gospel teams in the field this summer in extension work, and then a denominational effort towards revival in every church and every community in which we are privileged to serve God and preach the message of holiness. Plans for this "Crusade" will be amplified in meetings to be held in a number of our churches early in April.

B. C. COCHRANE

BELIEVE GREAT THINGS ABOUT PEOPLE

There is a touching story about "Little Lord Fauntleroy." The old grandfather was a selfish man, but the little boy believed in him. He thought he was a dear, affectionate old fellow and used to say: "How people must love you, grandpa! You are so kind to everyone, so loving, so generous." And the old man could not bear it, and he became what the little boy thought him to be. Hope great things about people; make them expect great things of themselves.

Words of appreciation and confidence expressed by one in position of leadership will inspire the aspiring youth to deeds of nobility and to sacrificial service.

There has been many a boy who in the hour of fierce temptation from the world, the flesh and the devil has turned from the alluring calls of sensuality because he said in his heart, "My mother believes in me. She believes that I would never stoop to such things." The mother had constructed the bridge over which her boy walked from slimy danger to glorious conquest.

Faith is the working force in the world. Faith brings power over circumstances; power over situations; power over fear; power over weakness. The Lord Jesus said: "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Faith can remove mountains, heal diseases, inspire lagging spirits, and surround the common-place things of life with romance.

Believe in people. Expect from them honesty, generosity and good will, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred they will not let you down.

Expressing faith in men is one of the most pleasant occupations in all the world. None

other yields the same satisfaction nor spreads as much cheer and good will as a word kindly spoken to the man who is making a serious and honest effort to rise above his circumstances. It will bring sunshine into the life of the one for whom it was intended and it will cause your own soul to expand in God-likeness.—Wesleyan Methodist.

DENOMINATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 13th

It seems a happy combination to have our Sunday School Rally on Mother's Day. As long as the Sunday School has existed mothers have played a leading role in its program. Every mother who wants the best for her children must of necessity be keenly interested in the Sunday School.

We owe due respect to our mothers.

We owe special attention to the Sunday School.

Let us make May 13th a great day in our churches!

Leaving plenty of room for the original touch, we make the following suggestions:

1. Let us take immediate steps toward Attendance Build Up.
2. Secure Invitation Cards and Rally Day Pins.
3. Set a goal for Record Attendance.
4. Draw up a Rally Day Program.
5. Secure Souvenir Awards for Mothers in Attendance.
6. Sunday School offer a Prize to the Scholar bringing the greatest number of New Scholars to the Rally.

To the success of your Sunday School,

R. H. NICHOLSON.

FAITH OF A SIAMESE SCHOOLMASTER

Kru Amon is the principal of the boys' school at Chiengrai, Siam. The day after the Japanese occupation he was told "Replace all your teachers with Buddhists." "I will resign first," he answered. "Look here, all you have to do is to say you are Buddhists." "That," said he, "would be easy enough, but what would be the result? If I deny my Christ, neither you nor anyone else could ever trust me again. If I am ready to be a traitor to my faith, I will be just as ready to betray my country." The school served as a Christian institution throughout the war and kept the Christian community together.

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